

Thorndike Place Ground Water Test Refusal!

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Town of Arlington, Ma.
Conservation Commission,

Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that the applicant for the Thorndike Development has refused to provide further site testing to ascertain the water levels during the 'wet' time of year! I did not know that applicants had the power or the right to refuse said testing! Further, I did not think anyone would have the nerve to refuse recommended site testing as required by the Conservation Commission! Are they that reckless that they would buck the authority that holds the necessary approvals they seek?

That tells me that the applicant has no regard whatsoever for the local residents and the MANY potentially negative impacts the proposed buildings might have on those residents' homes! We know from past experiences that the owner applicants, being absentee landlords of the property, have never come by to check on their property with regard to being "good neighbors" and keeping the place clean, and especially removing the homeless squatters from that property!

This is what we're up against and I do not like it! Refusal to do groundwater testing! Refusal to police their property! One can only imagine the "Corners" that might be cut if allowed to build, to protect existing neighbors' homes!

There has to be some firm and non-negotiable rebuttal to the applicant, especially when it directly involves neighbors' and neighborhood dwellings safety and protection!

There are SO MANY reasons that this development will have negative impacts on abutting owners! Now, they choose to ignore yet another impact and refuse testing!

Deny their application! We already don't want them to build for many reasons! As far as I am concerned, this refusal is that final 'straw' that broke their application!

The time has come to stand up for what's right and good. REFUSE the permit!

Respectfully submitted,

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Addendum regarding Cutting "Corners": During one of the several ZBA Zoom meetings, we, the residents exacted from the applicants via the ZBA to NOT use pile driving machinery to

establish foundations for the proposed four / five story building. Instead, the applicants did promise to use "Aggregate Piles" instead of driven piles, a process in which an auger is used to drill down to proper bearing soil and then to power-inject crushed stone into that drilled hole. Hardly any vibratory impact on the many old dwellings in our neighborhood! This is one of the "Corners" I mentioned above, that the applicants might choose to "CUT" to get the job done less expensively.